

FRENCH SWEEP GERMANS FROM VERDUN SECTOR

Furious Counter Offensive Drives Teutons Out of Fleury Village.

FIGHT WAY UP TO SLOPE OF HILL 320

Trenches Between Thiaumont and Fleury Are Recaptured.

BIG GUNS PREPARE FOR FRESH ATTACK

British on Somme Front Find Kaiser's Forces Are Now Stronger.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Fleury has been completely recaptured by the French troops in the course of their vigorous counter offensive at Verdun. Attacked simultaneously from the northwest and southeast, the village was doomed despite the strong defenses the Germans had organized.

Besides this, the French took all the trenches between Fleury and Thiaumont and to the slope of Hill 320.

At Chenoy, where they lost ground Tuesday, they recaptured most of the territory to-day, so that practically all the Germans had won by their revival of the assault on Verdun has been swept away. There is evidence that the French are not through, for their artillery continues to pound away at sectors of the front with a vigor which can spell only the preparation for further infantry work.

The prisoners captured on the right bank of the Meuse since August 1 now total 1,750, not including the wounded.

With the exception of gains early in the day by the French, who penetrated into the German lines at sectors of the front, the French have made no advance of importance was made by the Allies on the front along the Somme, nor did they lose any ground.

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SAVAGE DOGS ATTACK 2 CHILDREN AT PLAY

One Girl Terribly Lacerated Before Policeman Comes to Rescue in Areaway.

Mary Mimaugh, 4, was sent down stairs last night from her home at 807 Park avenue to wait for her father, Michael Mimaugh, to return from work. But at 4 that is a long way, and on the journey Mary met a little friend and they had a chat and the friend told her of a new place to play.

Getting to it was half the fun. You went to the Park View apartments, at 1577 Madison avenue, and scuttled down cellar before the janitor saw you. Then, in the dark, they settled down to a game, where you could see the light at the end, just like a cave. Finally you wriggled through an opening in a fence, and there you were.

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NEWS PRINT SCARCE, PAPERS MUST CUT

Size Decreased and Economies Forced to Avert Famine in Supply.

MILLS RUN AT CAPACITY Unable to Care for Increased Demand and Surplus Nears Minimum.

Unless there is a concerted curtailment of waste of news print paper—savings that can be effected only by reducing the size of newspapers, refusing unsold copies and cutting off the drain of exchanges—newspapers of the United States will be on the broad line, figuratively speaking. They will be compelled to take their material on allotment, receiving no more than manufacturers can give them from vanishing supplies. That a famine in news print paper will result within a few months unless these economies are effected was the prediction of paper manufacturers yesterday.

Only a husbanding of resources by the papers themselves, particularly those of New York, can save off the crisis, it was admitted throughout the trade. There fore the announcement printed in *The Sun* and other papers of limiting news-dealers' supplies strictly to sales and the agreement of publishers of Manhattan to decrease the size of the papers met with approval.

At the present time in the United States and Canada fifty mills are working three shifts of men eight hours daily and six days a week. Their output for June—the last compilation—was 140,151 tons, representing 95.4 per cent of the maximum production, the highest efficiency ever attained in the industry. This output represents an increase of 27,000 tons a month over the mark for June, 1915, but even this tremendous increase has been insufficient to feed the demand. Full production has had to be augmented by 5,000 tons more a month, which was drawn from a rapidly depleting reserve stock.

Surplus gradually shrinks. Surplus stock has been swollen up at this rate for several months now. At the end of June only 62,194 tons remained in stock, at the same time last year held 92,867 tons. The minimum is in sight, appreciation of which should be enough to induce publishers to their agreement on Tuesday. Were production to cease to-day there is not enough news print paper stored to keep newspapers alive for five days. It has been necessary for the publishers' mutual good and the benefit of the news reading public to curb the tendency toward increasing the size of papers at this time of year.

The figures cited here for June will take a considerable advance in October. News of the production of the news paper year. As a rule circulation increases in the fall and advertising keeps pace with it. As a result more papers are printed, and the supply of news paper is increased. The Sunday takes on unusual bulk. Without the measures taken by the publishers this fall's increase would wipe out the total production of the reserve stock. For this reason *The Sun's* rule to refuse unsold copies will become effective on Monday.

It must be asked by the public, "Why did the news manufacturers anticipate this tremendous increase in demand?" They did, so far as it was humanly possible to anticipate a prosperity, especially at St. Thomas. It was added to the mills of this country and Canada 15 per cent more facilities for turning wood into paper. When the orders were given, the mills were added to the manufacturers, an extremely risky venture to install additional machinery on conditions temporarily resolute. It was felt that the mills would be in operation in a few weeks, and a half to get a mill working. New machines have been ordered; in a few weeks several mills will be in operation. But these added to the machines now producing cannot save the situation at the present rate of consumption. Machinery cannot be ordered in wholesale lots at the present time with most of the big steel plants turning out munitions in preference to wood products.

The mills are at the peak of their capacity. They can turn out no more. The news manufacturers and the mills. In June of 1915 the maximum of efficiency derived from the machinery was 78.9; this year it reached the mark of 95.4.

With machinery making this record, men operating the day around and every other day given to production, still the outlook for the fall falls to brighter. New mills cannot be put up in weeks or even months; generally it takes a year and a half to get a mill working. New machines have been ordered; in a few weeks several mills will be in operation. But these added to the machines now producing cannot save the situation at the present rate of consumption. Machinery cannot be ordered in wholesale lots at the present time with most of the big steel plants turning out munitions in preference to wood products.

The following statement on production and shipment for June, compiled by G. F. Steele, secretary of the News Print Manufacturers' Association, shows an undulating of the strides taken by the industry in the last year:

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Submarine's Shell Fire Destroys Five of the Vessel's Small Boats—Some of the Survivors Land at Malta and Syracuse.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Italian mail steamer *Letimbro* has been sunk by a submarine and twenty-eight survivors have arrived at Malta, says a Reuter despatch from that place. Two boats-loads of survivors have arrived at Syracuse.

The *Letimbro* carried a crew of 57 and her passengers numbered 113. It is believed that many of them lost their lives. The passengers included women and children.

Survivors report that a submarine was observed at a distance of about 6,000 meters. It fired a warning shot and then gave chase, firing continuously for half an hour. It finally overtook the *Letimbro*, which had begun to lower boats.

"The submarine," adds the despatch, "continued its bombardment, smashing five boats, the occupants of which perished. Some of the survivors say that many were killed by shellfire."

All the crew of the Italian brig *Rosario*, torpedoed by an Austrian submarine, have arrived at Malta.

Six neutral vessels have been torpedoed by German submarines within the last twenty-four hours. Four belligerent vessels met the same fate and two neutral steamships were seized by German warships.

The Swedish steamship *Hudiksvall* was torpedoed in the Baltic last night on her way from Sweden to Finland. The captain, with twelve men of the crew and five women, reached the Swedish coast in small boats. Reuter adds that two other Swedish steamers and two Finnish vessels were sunk in the same attack.

The British steamer *Britannic* of 3,447 tons, the British sailing vessel *Marjaret Sutton*, the British steamship *Hecla* and the Italian steamship *Letimbro* also were sunk, Lloyd's announced.

The Swedish steamers *Pitea* and *Alv* were bound for Raumo, Finland, and were seized.

The *Poltiken* of Copenhagen reports that the Danish steamer *Katholm*, 1,201 tons, has been sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean. The crew was saved.

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